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The Honorable John Sherman Cooper
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Dear Senator Cooper:

Thank you very much for your September 21 letter. I, too, very much enjoyed seeing you again in Washington. I believe your testimony made a major contribution and, hopefully, the House Assassinations Committee will come up with a thorough objective report.

Your suggestion that my book be printed in paperback is not the first time that suggestion has been made. A number of scholars who have read the book have made the same suggestion and commented that this would result in there being wider dissemination of the book on college campuses, where there is so much misinformation about the tragic assassination of President Kennedy. Unfortunately, when my publisher approached paperback companies about the book being in paperback, he was informed that the paperback people are not interested in something that does not include some kind of a sensational charge along conspiracy lines. In other words, where we seem to be these days is that there is a sort of commercial censorship--if the truth is not sensational, the truth may not get published.

From a personal pecuniary standpoint, I would, of course, turn over all paperback royalties to charity as I have the other royalties from the book. Perhaps you have some other sources that might have an interest in paperback publishing, but at least thus far I do not know of any.

If you have any suggestions, I would appreciate your giving me a call. In the meantime, my very best personal regards.

Sincerely,

David W. Belin

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